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Ogonyok, #23, June 1947, early post-WW2 issue of the weekly Soviet magazine.

Size 12 ½" x 9 ½", 32 pp. excluding the cover. Printed on high quality coated paper. Contains a large number of photos as well as textual information. Circulation 154,000 copies.

In good condition. The cover shows relatively minor damage, possibly from paper-eating insects, mostly along the hinge and the top edge. Luckily, they didn't like the taste of the internal pages and left them absolutely intact. Of note is different typographic ink used throughout the issue, most likely a reflection on one of the multitude of shortages permeating the country's economy after the war.

This issue is all about the country returning to a peaceful mode. Families are allotted small plots of land to grow crops for their own use (front cover). Science and industry resume research and implementation of innovations, Navy and Army officers and enlisted return home to raise the country back from the ruins left by the war. New more comfortable trains began running to Black Sea resorts and all across the country. Typically for Ogonyok, the second half of the issue is devoted to culture and entertainment: literary fiction, stories about art and artists, fashions, chess etudes and, of course, the famous crossword puzzle. In 1947 Ogonyok ("Little flame") celebrated its 25th year of publication and was immensely popular among the Soviet population, starved for entertaining periodicals.

Please note that the pen in our photo is for size reference.

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